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DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed on 9/25/2000 which changed the elected claims to non-elected subject matter is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The currently pending claims are not readable on the elected invention because they are now drawn to a method of improving treatment outcome or reducing risk of treatment or reducing the risk of developing disorders accompanied by inappropriate cellular activation which was claimed in claims 10-18 (Group II) which is non-elected subject matter.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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